



West Valley Christian Academy

Preschool- 8th Grade

2022-2023 COVID-19 Response

“The foundational principle of this guidance is that all students must have access to safe and full in-person instruction and to as much instructional time as possible.” –CDPH July 12, 2021

Overview

West Valley Christian Academy maintains our commitment to prioritize the importance of full in-person instruction with a multi-layered approach to the mitigation and prevention of COVID-19 with careful review and implementation of guidance provided by CDC, CDPH, and Cal/OSHA.

Factors for Consideration

Guidance is provided to general populations on a federal, state, and county level. The following considerations are made to determine when and how guidance should be implemented as advised by CDPH:

1. Level of Community Transmission of COVID-19
2. Vaccination Coverage in the Community, Students, Faculty, and Staff
3. Local Outbreak Trends

Safety Measures

Vaccination

WVCA community members are encouraged to explore vaccination options with their personal physician to determine if that is an appropriate prevention strategy with consideration to their personal health history, and eligibility.

Masks and Physical Distancing

As of March 11, 2022 CPHD terminated the state mask mandate at schools, and child care settings. WVCA Preschool-8th Grade will continue our philosophy of family choice, and continue to support both staff and student decisions to mask regardless of vaccination status. As a family of WVCA, please join us in the shared respect of freedom of choice we honor here.

Ventilation

WVCA is following the guidance for air filtration to reduce long-range airborne transmission of COVID-19. Staff will find appropriate times for outdoor instruction to extend outdoor times, and open windows while indoors.



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Stay Home When Sick

Pre-screen each student before arrival to school. Stay home if two or more symptoms of COVID-19 are present, with or without a fever. Students cannot return to school until they have met the CDPH criteria for return to school for those symptoms:

- Fever free for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
- Other symptoms have improved.
- Have a negative test for SARS-CoV-2 or a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical to a pre-existing underlying condition (e.g. allergies or asthma) OR a health care provider as diagnosed an alternative diagnosis OR at least 5 days have passed since onset of symptoms.

Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting, and Personal Materials

WVCA contracts custodial for nightly cleaning of the facility including bathrooms and kitchen. Employees have been trained in CDC guidance for sanitizing and disinfecting high touch surfaces, and classroom materials like toys and educational manipulatives.

Case Reporting, Contact Tracing, and Quarantine Recommendations

WVCA will report any case to the CDPH, and do a contact tracing investigation to determine direct exposures and close contacts. The presence of mask wearing dramatically impacts the quarantine timelines, and can prevent loss of onsite school instruction.

Families of students who have been directly exposed or have become an active COVID-19 case are expected to communicate that exposure/case immediately to the school administration, and to follow quarantine guidance as outlined in the CDPH guidance.

The March 11, 2022 guidance impacted quarantine times and exposure protocols with intent to keep healthy, and a-systematic students in school with accompanying prevention strategies. Your school administrator will guide you on the specific steps to take based on the details of exposure, and individual or classroom group circumstances. Communication, and parent partnership is key to keeping our students health, and at school.